

### **Important information - Continuation of learning during the COVID situation**

I am sure you will all be aware from the press and social media that the number of COVID cases is rising across the country, particularly in the North. Whilst we are relieved that we have not suffered in the way that other schools have, we must all be prepared for the possibility that some pupils may have to work from home at some point over the next few weeks and months.

This has been the case this term with pupils in Year 11 and 8. The confirmed pupil cases in school resulted in all identified close contacts of the affected pupils being required to self-isolate at home. It is therefore essential that parents/carers keep us updated with current and emergency contact details for our records. If you have any concerns, about pupils being sent home directly, please let us know in advance.

I am most grateful for your continuing support with the routines and procedures within school, which aim to reduce the chances of Coronavirus spreading. It is particularly important that the pupils continue to have a suitable mask to wear each day and that they arrive to school wearing it. At school, we continue to emphasise to the pupils the importance of hand washing and the use of sanitiser and have tried to strike a pragmatic balance between opening windows to ventilate classrooms and maintaining temperatures, by running the heating at a higher level. Your son or daughter may wish to wear a school uniform jumper as winter draws nearer.

It is very important that parents/carers support us to ensure that **learning does not stop during these difficult times**. Teachers are working incredibly hard to provide lessons, live and recorded, that pupils can access via Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Google Classroom in order to minimise the impact of disrupted learning. Such lessons are not optional and **we need your help in ensuring that pupils continue to work hard should they be sent home to isolate**.

Teachers set work for every lesson, or invite the pupils to join in via Teams/Zoom and there should be no excuse for non-engagement. We continue to work hard to provide ICT resources for families who may need it and can make provision to provide work packs for any child who needs them.

The situation is changing rapidly, if we receive information of a confirmed case at any point over the holiday period, we will be contacting the families involved and advising them if pupils need to self-isolate for 14 days. It is vital to understand that self-isolation means that pupils should not leave the house or meet with others outside the household and that learning does not stop during term time – pupils have already missed far too much education and we cannot lose another minute.

Many Thanks

Mrs Hanson, Headteacher

## **Year 11 Examinations**

Last week the government made the decision to postpone next year's GCSE examinations for three weeks, meaning that they are now scheduled to start on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and conclude on the 2nd July 2021. GCSE results day has also been rescheduled to take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Please be aware of the change of dates and ensure that pupils are available to sit these important exams.**

It is pleasing that our pupils will now get the chance to prove themselves in nationally standardised assessments but we cannot lose sight of the fact that the situation may change again. We will advise of any further amendments as information becomes available.

Whilst the Government have given some greater clarity over the way in which pupils will be examined next summer, there is still a strong possibility that various in-school assessments, including the forthcoming Mock Exams could directly influence the overall grade each pupil receives. **We cannot stress strongly enough therefore, the critical importance of the upcoming assessments, pre-mocks and ongoing classwork.**

We continue to be impressed with the maturity of our Year 11 cohort and hope that they will take the opportunity to attend all sessions on offer to them next Half Term.

## Half Term 2 - Preparation for the Assessments and Mocks

Our Year 11 after school booster sessions have already begun and will continue into half term 2. English, Maths and Science are now running before school interventions and have begun after school boosters too. After half-term, we will be increasing the English, Maths and Science sessions, along with options subjects on the Thursday and Friday.

Please see tables below.

<b>Booster Schedule</b>				
Red Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science Targeted groups AND sessions open to all	Maths Compulsory for all	English Targeted groups AND sessions open to all	Ebacc targeted (MFL/Geo/His/Com Sci )	Open subjects targeted (all other subjects)

Blue Week				
Science Targeted groups AND sessions open to all	Maths Compulsory for all	English Targeted groups AND sessions open to all	Ebacc targeted (MFL/Geo/His/Com Sci )	Open subjects targeted (all other subjects)
<b>All sessions compulsory from 16/11/20</b>				

### **Targeted to Compulsory**

We will be offering targeted, compulsory sessions for the first two weeks in Half Term 2 (wc 2/11 and 9/11) alongside open to all sessions. From the week starting 16/11, all sessions will be compulsory sessions, which will be leading up to the mocks week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Key Dates:

1. Teachers entering first assessment grades on progress reports week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November.
2. Virtual consultation evening Year 11 – 26<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to be sent out at the start of next half term.
3. Mock exam week - week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Year 8 and Year 9 morning arrival at 8.50am**

**Please support us by ensuring that all pupils in Year 8 and 9 are ready to come through the gate promptly at 8.50am, to be in their classrooms for a 9.00am lesson start.**



Tutors are in their form rooms from 8.50am to greet the pupils and make sure they are ready for the day ahead, and toast is also available each day before lessons begin. Please support the school by ensuring your son/daughter's prompt arrival. Lateness to school disrupts the smooth running of the day and the learning of other pupils in the class.

Miss Lucas-Stokes, Head of Year 8, leaves us early next term to go on maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Lucas-Stokes and her family all the very best.

If you have any Year 8 concerns please continue to contact tutors and the Year 8 team for any support

## **Year 7**

The year 7's have made a wonderful start to the term at RVHS. The term has not been a conventional beginning to high school, but the year group have embraced a new way of working and built a fantastic foundation for success at the school.

One year 7 student told me that the best thing about being in year 7 is 'making loads of new friends and getting to know his new teachers'.

The pupils have shown a positive attitude to learning and are going from strength to strength. We are looking forward to seeing them continue to develop and make even more progress next half term.

Mrs Saunders – Head of Year 7

## **Further Education Fair 2020**

On 23/09/20 RVHS held a Further Education Fair to help our pupils prepare for their future. Eight Greater Manchester Further Education providers attended the event presenting and answering our year 10 and 11 student's questions.



The carousel style event enabled all pupils to meet and learn about all the institutes in a socially distanced, safe manner, developing links and understanding about courses on offer from A levels to Apprenticeships.

The event was a massive success and vital to the pupils at RVHS.



**“The day has been so well organised and its lovely to see pupils so focused on their future” K.Nieroba – CAMSFC**

**“It’s been really useful to ask questions and I now know where I want to go!” RVHS Student**

A big Thank you to all the Greater Manchester Further Education providers that contributed to the day and for providing a wide range of opportunities for RVHS Pupils virtually.

## Student Leadership



Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen by their peers as Student Voice representatives to represent their tutor groups this year and support in ensuring the smooth crossover between lessons. They will be focussing on providing Mrs Evans and the senior team with feedback on all aspects of Teaching and Learning and areas for development across the school.

Form		Form	
<b>7R</b>	Roman Winter and Ava Watson	<b>7H</b>	Charlie Salt and Ella North
<b>7E</b>	Emily Linwood and Thomas Sinot	<b>7V</b>	Jessica Albiston Fairfield and Elysia Riley
<b>7D</b>	Demi Johnson and Felix Doyle	<b>7A</b>	Alisha Mcgurk and Oliver Carter
<b>7I</b>	Rebecca Sodunke and Lacey Hays	<b>7L</b>	Connor Crielly and Charlotte Hasketh
<b>7S</b>	Stephen Ward and Kallie Kouzoukas		

<b>Form</b>		<b>Form</b>	
<b>8R</b>	Harrison Barrett and Paige Jaffar	<b>8H</b>	Charlotte and Harry Linney
<b>8E</b>	Lola Brady Alex McCentee	<b>8V</b>	Louis Williams and Clara Davies
<b>8D</b>	Nathan Callow Amy Renshaw	<b>8A</b>	Kian MCKay and Millicent W
<b>8I</b>	Reece Booth & Ethan Roberts		
<b>8S</b>	Amy Ellis and Grace Singleton		

<b>Form</b>		<b>Form</b>	
<b>9R</b>	Ellie Barrat	<b>9H</b>	Erin Shepherd and Aliakbar Alakbarli
<b>9E</b>	Natalie Zuzanikova	<b>9V</b>	Angel Ogu and Ateisha Banto
<b>9D</b>	Brodie Batty, Freya Noble and Georgina Drury	<b>9A</b>	Chloe Doyle and Rhianna Spencer
<b>9I</b>	Lilo Ngubo and Luke McDermott		
<b>9S</b>	Minnie Fitzpatrick and Joshua Taylor		



<b>Form</b>		<b>Form</b>	
<b>10R</b>	Caitlin Bell and Timur Guc	<b>10H</b>	McKenzie Burgess and Jessica Hatt
<b>10E</b>	Millie Carroll and Bailey Whitehead Cameron	<b>10V</b>	Jalal Hamid Taha and Millie Dodds
<b>10D</b>	Delmin Abdullah and Dominic Maxwell		
<b>10I</b>	Atta Ur-Rahman and Shana Javita Heredia		
<b>10S</b>	Paige Laverick and Oliver McLoughlin		

## Senior Prefect Team

The Year 11 Senior Prefect Team have been very busy organising a Calendar of competitions and events for our year 7 form groups as part of the RVHS new House system.

Events include creative writing competitions; maths challenges and sports activities that will take place throughout the year all accumulating House Points for their forms.

The Senior Prefect Team will be leading Year 7 assemblies this Thursday and Friday to share these plans along with awarding them a variety of rewards and achievements to celebrate their hard work and success during their first half term at RVHS.



## Uniform Expectations

A polite reminder of our uniform expectations.

Trainers and hoodies are not permitted. Please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct black school shoes and that as winter approaches they wear the school jumper underneath their blazers and NOT a hoodie or own jumper. This is not part of the uniform policy.

Please also ensure that the correct trousers/skirt are worn. The stretchy fabric trousers or skirts are NOT permitted.



## Equipped and ready to learn

All pupils should have their own equipment for lessons, as we should not be handing out equipment during this time.

They should have a pencil case with at least one pen, pencil, ruler and rubber in it. Please ensure your son/daughter returns after the half term break with the correct equipment



## Ex-pupils visit our Year 11's

Two of our ex-students, George Jones and Holly McCormack gave an inspirational presentation to our year 11's. During their presentation, they talked about their experiences at Reddish Vale, things they enjoyed and things they would have done differently.

They also gave some valuable advice on applying for colleges, what college life is like and what working hard can achieve. They are currently in their second year at Salford University studying politics and George is our local Denton West End MP.

## See, Hear, Respond Service

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England for anybody experiencing crisis due to COVID-19. The flyer will give you contact information for the free service.

### See, Hear, Respond

A new service provided across England for children, young people, parents and carers who are experiencing crisis due to Covid-19.

A new support hub and referral link is now available.

If you are worried about a child or young person experiencing harm and increased adversity or are looking for advice and help, visit [www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond)

Or call 0800 157 7015 to speak to one of our Barnardo's project workers.

We operate between:  
Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm and  
Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm



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